

REMARKS

In regard to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 9 in a fashion that is believed to overcome this basis of rejection and respectfully requests that this basis of rejection be withdrawn.

In regard to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3, 7-11, and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Spinelli in view of Wentzell et al., and the rejection of claims 4-6, and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable Spinelli in view of Wentzell et al., in further view of Stanish et al., '921, Applicant is unsure of which Spinelli is being applied. Is the correct cite to U.S. patent 6,363,652, cited by Applicant on his PTO-1449 that accompanied his Information Disclosure Statement or is the correct cite to U.S. patent 6,581,322 cited by the Examiner on his PTO-892. Applicant respectfully requests clarification as to which prior art is being cited in order to provide a proper response.

In regard to the Examiner's rejection of claims 19 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wentzell et al., the rejection of claims 2-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wentzell et al., in view of Spinelli and the rejection of claim 2525 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wentzell et al., Applicant acknowledges that he is aware of the Wentzell et al., cite for claims 19 and 25, however, he again submits that he needs clarification as to which Spinelli is being cited in order to provide a global response to this line of claims as claims 20-25 are all dependent, either directly or through an intervening claim, on base claim 19. Should Applicant determine that claim 19 needs amendment, possibly to include the limitations of one or more dependent claims, Applicant must be fully versed in the cited prior art to properly formulate a response.

Lastly, Applicant submits that dependent claim 26 is neither rejected nor objected to in any fashion and inquires as to whether the Examiner's paragraph 8 is directed at this claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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